

PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION IN DELAWARE

WHO NEEDS TO BE CERTIFIED?



Anyone buying or using a Restricted Use Pesticide must be certified by the Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA). Commercial Applicators must be certified (or work under supervision) whether they apply Restricted Use or General Use Pesticides.

HOW DOES A PRIVATE APPLICATOR DIFFER FROM A COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR?

Private Applicators are the producers of agricultural commodities and apply Restricted Use Pesticides to land that is owned or rented by them or their employer. All other pesticide applicators are certified as commercial applicators.

HOW DO I GET CERTIFIED?

Private Applicator: Pass core exam.

Commercial Applicator: Pass core exam and category exam(s).

Exams are given four times each year. Call 1-800-282-8685 to make a reservation, get directions to the exam site or to ask what category you need.



WHAT DO I STUDY FOR THE EXAM?

You need to study the Core Manual and your category manual(s). Send an order blank for manuals to the University of Delaware. Order blanks are available at County Extension offices, DDA, or the Entomology Department at the University of Delaware (302) 831-2526. To save postage charges- pick up your manuals at the Entomology Department. You may also buy Core Manuals at County Extension offices. Study your manuals and practice the calibration problems. Bring a calculator to the exam.



WHERE CAN I GET TRAINED?

The Quarterly Training Review, sponsored by Cooperative Extension, is held before each exam. It runs 1 and ½ days starting at 8:15 each day. Be sure to study ahead of time - this is only a review. Pick up your practice quizzes the first morning of training & study them before the exam.

HOW DO I GET RECERTIFIED?

Private Applicator certification is good for 3 years. Commercial Applicator certification is good for 1 year. Within 3 years of the exam you must demonstrate that you've kept up with changes. Either retake the exam or collect the required number of recertification hours. Recertification courses must be approved by DDA.

HOW MANY RECERTIFICATION CREDITS DO I NEED?



Private applicators need 3 recertification credits every 3 years. Fifty minutes of class room instruction equals one recertification credit. Commercial applicators need the following recertification credits every 3 years.

Agricultural Plant (1A)	8
Agricultural Animal(1B)	4
Fumigation/Soils & Ag. Comm(1C)	4
Forest(02)	4
Ornamental & Turf(03)	8
Seed Treatment(04)	2
Aquatic(05)	4
Antifouling Paint(05)	2
Mosquito(5C)	4
Right-of-Way(06)	4
General Pest Control(7A)	18
Wood Destroying Pest Control(7B)	18
Fumigation Pest Control(7C)	4
Wood Preservation(7D)	4
Institutional and Main. Pest Cntrl.(7E)	18
Cooling Tower Pest Ctrl(7F)	4
Misc. Pest Control(7G)	4
Public Health(08)	4
Regulatory(09)	4
Demonstration and Research(10)	8

WHERE CAN I GET RECERTIFICATION CREDITS?

Private applicators may attend any Quarterly Training Review for three certification credits. Applicators should choose sessions different from ones they attended for initial certification.

Look for announcements of other meetings. Many commodity meetings give recertification hours. Subscribe to your county Cooperative Extension newsletter and watch for announcements. Or call the DDA at (800) 282-8685 for information.

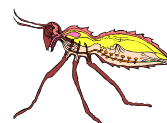
I'M A COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR. WHERE DO I GET RECERTIFICATION HOURS?

Commercial applicators may get hours for their category at commodity meetings and professional seminars. The Delaware Pest Control Association sponsors an annual meeting for category 7 applicators. The Delaware Vegetable Growers, Potato Growers, and Direct Marketing Meeting is held annually. Ornamental & Turf applicators may attend The Delaware Turfgrass Conference or the Turf and Ornamental Conference.

The Pesticide Educator, Susan Whitney, may be able to organize a special recertification program for your category. Call (302) 831-8886.

I WENT TO A GOOD PESTICIDE PROGRAM LAST MONTH. CAN I GET CREDIT FOR IT?

Maybe. If you recently attended a pesticide program in Delaware or another state that was not pre-authorized for recertification hours, you may still be able to get credit. Send a copy of the program and proof of your attendance to Larry Towle, Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Highway, Dover, De 19901. He will let you know if the program can be approved for recertification hours. Larry will award credit if the talks cover at least one of these issues: pesticide safety, pesticides and the environment, pest information, methods of control or pesticide information.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:



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